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Dear Local Leaders,

Thank you very much for taking the time to talk with us about the drought, and how it is affecting Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We appreciated talking with you and will endeavor to work with you to deal with the important issues you raised at the meeting.

Attached please find a list of the specific topics we discussed, as well as the local and state point of contact for each topic. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is coordinating the state's response to the drought. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research Drought Clearinghouse is working with Cal OES to communicate and coordinate with local governments.

If you have any questions or concerns about the attached list of issues, please contact Debbie Davis, Local Government Drought Liaison, at [drought.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:drought.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov) or 916-327-0068.

There are many resources available online. There is a [statewide drought webpage](#). OPR has a [local government drought toolkit](#). You may also wish to examine the [weekly statewide drought update](#).

Thank you for your hard work and leadership; we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Davis-Franco".

Debbie Davis-Franco  
Local Government Drought Liaison  
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Governor's Drought Task Force Visit  
Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties  
April 4, 2014

**Summary**

This document is to inform Drought Task Force Visit attendees of continuing efforts to follow up on the tasks generated by the Governor's Drought Task Force Visit on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Santa Cruz.

**Follow up Items**

- ➔ The State Water Resources Control Board and California Department of Public Health will meet with Scotts Valley to discuss whether recycled water from Scotts Valley can be moved to and used on a Santa Cruz Golf Course.
- ➔ The Pajaro Valley Water District and the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance should meet to determine whether agricultural irrigation is eligible for a recycled water loan.
- ➔ Monterey County Director of Public Health Edward Moreno and the State Water Resources Control Board should connect regarding information about funding in the recent drought legislation.
- ➔ The Water Board will review the Central Coast Regional Water Board regulations on recycled water to determine whether San Benito Water District's recycled water can be used for irrigation.

**Detail for Follow up Items:**

**Scotts Valley**

- ➔ The State Water Resources Control Board and California Department of Public Health will meet with Scotts Valley to discuss whether recycled water from Scotts Valley can be used on a Santa Cruz Golf Course.

**Background:**

In 2008 the SWRCB Financial Assistance Division funded the Scotts Valley Water District's "Dual Use Pipeline Feasibility Study" which investigated the delivery of treated water to a golf course for seven months per year and evaluated upgrading and expanding the water recycling facility

to meet increased demand. In 2013, the City of Scotts Valley submitted an application for a planning grant for a similar study. City of Scotts Valley Consultant and Point of Contact Jill Shankel was notified that due to this repetition, the SWRCB Financial Assistance Division could not fund the new study. During the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>, the SWRCB contacted City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director Scott Hamby for an update and to offer assistance. Mr. Hamby reported that the City was still studying the project and that they were working with the Regional Water Resources Control Board to get approval to deliver recycled water by this summer. The pipeline to deliver the recycled water to the golf course exists. Both the City and the Water District are aware of SWRCB assistance programs and are keeping their options open. The California Department of Public Health has also been contacted in regard to Scotts Valley, and while no specific public health concerns were raised, CDPH will be contacted in the future if Scotts Valley moves ahead with the project.

**Status:** Ongoing. City of Scotts Valley officials are aware of State Water Resources Control Board Department of Financial Assistance funds. The infrastructure to connect Scotts Valley with the Santa Cruz Golf Course already exists. The possibility exists that City of Scotts Valley officials could use the 2008 “Dual Use Pipeline Feasibility Study” conducted by Scotts Valley Water District.

**Next Step:** City of Scotts Valley Public Works Director Scott Hamby will contact the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Public Health as the City of Scotts Valley moves forward with its plans.

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## **Pajaro Valley:**

- Connect Pajaro Valley Water District with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance to determine whether agricultural irrigation is eligible for recycled water loan.

James Maughan and Dan Newton, State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance, contacted Mary Bannister, General Manager at Pajaro Valley Water District to let her know about funding opportunities. This call, and subsequent calls resulted in the Water District applying for a planning grant and a State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance construction loan for two recycled water projects. The District is currently working on the funding applications with the help of SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance Project Manager. Mary Bannister was contacted about efforts to connect Pajaro Valley with the SWRCB to determine whether agricultural irrigation is eligible for a recycled water loan. Ms. Bannister responded with a summary of the status of the recycled water facility completed in 2008, and with an update on current activity, including searching for funding for additional tank storage for which designs were being drawn up. Ms. Bannister added that the Pajaro Valley Water District had delivered 4,500 acre feet of blended recycled water, more than 75% of which was recycled water, and offered to conduct a tour of the facility.

**Status:** Complete. Agricultural irrigation was determined to be eligible for a State Water Board recycled water loan and the Pajaro Valley Water District is preparing an application and will do further outreach to their agricultural clients..

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## Monterey County:

- Connect Monterey County Director of Public Health Edward Moreno with the State Water Resources Control Board to provide information about \$4 million available in drought legislation that may be helpful in communities experiencing higher concentration of contaminants due to drought.

State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance has been in contact with Monterey County and provided information about the grant program. Monterey County will decide whether to apply for the funds.

**Status:** Ongoing. Outreach conducted, awaiting application from Monterey County.

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## San Benito County Water District

- Water Board will look into Central Coast Regional Water Board recycled water regulation in regard to San Benito County Water District's use of recycled water for irrigation.

On April 25th, 2014, the Water Board released a [Draft General Order for Recycled Water Use](#). The General Order will be used to streamline permitting for all Title 22 compliant uses of recycled water, except for groundwater replenishment activities. Recycled water covered under this General Order is primarily treated municipal wastewater and may be used for agricultural irrigation, urban landscaping, dust suppression and other non-potable uses. Written comments on the Draft General order are due by May, 27th at noon.

**Status:** The General Order will supercede regional board recycled water regulation, streamlining recycled water use. The General Order is under review by the State Board, with the written comment deadline on May 27th. The item is scheduled for consideration of adoption by the Water Board at the June 3rd Board Meeting. San Benito County Water District will be informed when the Board adopts the new Order.

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